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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/869,159; Filed: August 15, 2001
For: **Assay for Identifying Compounds Which Affect Stability of mRNA**
Inventors: KASTELIC *et al.*
Our Ref: 1556.0290000/RWE/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121;
2. Original Power of Attorney for Assignee with Delegation, as filed on August 15, 2001;
3. Original Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached, as filed on August 15, 2001; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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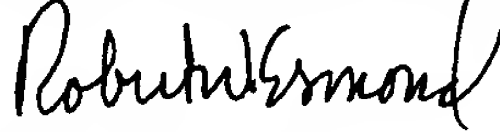
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We have enclosed the Power of Attorney for Assignee with Delegation, and a Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached, which were filed on August 15, 2001. These documents were returned to us in error with the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document. Please place them in the file for this application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated June 17, 2003 (Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.